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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: :  
EBRAHIM REZAI ET AL. :  
Serial No.: 09/171,049 : Group Art Unit: 1771  
Filed: October 12, 1998 : Examiner: C. Pratt  
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING :  
IMPROVED STRUCTURAL :  
STABILITY IN DRY AND WET :  
STATES AND MAKING :  
METHODS THEREFOR :

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

Box AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 10, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the following Response. This response is intended to place the application in condition for allowance.